

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

Sedona Fire District Station #3, 125 Slide Rock Road, Sedona, AZ 86351

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance: President Copen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jan Lisowski.

- 1. Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum established with the following 21 members present:** Bell Rock Plaza, Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Highland Estates, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Oak Creek Estados, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods I, Pinon Woods East II, Pinon Woods North III, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Sundance, Valley Vista Estates, Village Estates, VOCA, Wild Horse Mesa **5 Members absent:** La Barranca I, La Barranca II, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Sedona Village Lodging Assoc., Village Park Roll Call attached as Exhibit A.
- 2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting**
The Executive Board met on February 7, 2011 at the USFS Visitor Center, Sedona, AZ.
- 3. President's Report – Mel Copen**
 - (a)** Mel began his report by indicating he has had several conversations regarding the BOS redistricting issue. He had conversations with Sedona Mayor Rob Adams, Chamber President Jennifer Wesselhoff, Acting School District Superintendent Nancy Alexander and SFD Chief Nazih Hazime. Each of these individuals acknowledged the need for their organizations to be involved with this issue to ensure the connection between the City of Sedona and the Village was maintained with the same supervisor.
 - (b)** Mel then turned this portion of the meeting over to Dorothy O'Brien, Chair of the Big Park Council Task Force on Redistricting. Dorothy reported that the Task Force members are Hugh Coble, Joan McClelland, Tim Westbay, & Jeff Dunn with Mel Copen ex-officio and Tom O'Halleran advisory member. The charge of the Task Force is to get the community activated about redistricting and to provide feedback that will be communicated to Yavapai County in a focused manner. The Task Force met on 1/27/2011 and has produced a report of its work which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 4. Visitor Presentations – Supervisor Chip Davis & County Administrator Julie Ayers**
 - (a)** Presentation on Redistricting - Supervisor Davis began the presentation by indicating that the County has no choice in this matter. If the County population, based upon the 2010 federal census, reaches the 175,000 threshold, the County must redistrict for five supervisors from the current three. Chip indicated that while the three current supervisors will make the final decision on the map of the new districts, they all decided that this would best be done as the result of an extensive public outreach on the issue. Yavapai County began this process eight months ago and is ahead of the other two counties, Pinal and Mojave, that also must go to five from three. The schedule established was created by working backwards from the November, 2012 elections at which five supervisors will be elected from the five new districts. Each new district will have about 43,137 people. Chip indicated that his focus has been to keep the Verde Valley together, but the total population of the Verde Valley is 70,000 so in one way or another the Verde Valley representation is going to be divided into more than one district.
County Administrator Julie Ayers then presented a PowerPoint outline of the redistricting process and requirements. In 2000, the census reported Yavapai County with a population of 167,517 and the 2010 projection is 210,686, well above the 175,000 threshold. The first round of public outreach process includes eleven open houses scheduled throughout the County and presentations to various community organizations like the presentation to the Big Park Council. The 15 counties in Arizona are broken into districts and every resident of Arizona lives in one of those districts. The redistricting will be based upon the 2010 federal census required by the U.S Constitution. The districts are required to have roughly equal population, not discriminate as determined by the 1965 federal Voting Rights Act, use existing voter precincts as the "building blocks" of the new districts which also must consist of contiguous property. In addition to the "must have" considerations, there are "can have" considerations such as visible boundaries, other boundaries, mix of rural & urban, compactness, & communities of interest.

The schedule leading up to a decision by the Supervisors in August, 2011, are public open houses in February & March, draft plans by County staff, and a 2nd phase of public input in June & July. Once the Supervisors make their decision in August the final map is submitted to the US Department of Justice (DOJ). Julie Ayers indicated that the focus of the DOJ is minority voting rights and the County has the burden of proving it has not diminished the minority vote. A consultant has been retained by the County to do a "regression analysis" regarding the DOJ review but the consultant will have no real impact on drawing the new district lines. Q&A followed presentation. County Redistricting Survey attached as Exhibit C.

5. New Members/Member Changes – None.

6. Secretary's report – Tom Graham

- (a) Consideration and approval of minutes from January 13th annual meeting – there was one typo correction regarding the date at the top of page 2; there was a question raised by Jim Gibson concerning the name of the task force created at the October, 2010 meeting – it was initially referred to in the October Minutes as the Task Force on Principles of Organization, then in November not referred to, in the December Minutes referred to as Bylaws/Guiding Principles and finally in the January Minutes referred to as Policies & Procedures. The Executive Board recommends the original name: Task Force on Principles of Organization. **Moved, Seconded & Carried to adopt the minutes as corrected.**

7. Treasurer's report – Mark Mumaw

- (a) January Treasurer's Report – No comments. Filed for audit
(b) President Copen suggested the Audit Committee for 2010 be as follows: Tom Graham - Chair, Jolynn Greenfield, and Kathy Nelms. **Moved, Seconded & Carried to approve Audit Committee.** Treasurer's report attached as Exhibit D.

8. Corresponding Secretary's report – Tom Graham – Nothing to report.

9. Committee Reports – A reminder for Committee Chairs that display material for the screen should be submitted to Dave Norton one week in advance of the meeting.

- (a) **Recreation Committee** – Jay Markle – A written report (attached as Exhibit E) submitted by Jay Markle was presented by Mel Copen indicating that there was some difference of opinion on the Committee regarding the ten \$35 scholarships for Boys & Girls Club was to be used for the cost of attendance at the summer program or whether they should be used for Club Memberships. Executive Board recommends application to Club memberships with preference to past users of the Council summer program and also based on need. **Moved, Seconded & Carried to approve Executive Board recommendation.**
- (b) **P&Z Committee** – Art Toensmeier – No report.
- (c) **Vision & Enhancement Committee** – Mel Copen
(1) Mel reviewed what happened at the last Committee meeting. All data has now been compiled. Now the data needs to be analyzed and categorized for communication to the community. It took over two hours for the Committee to categorize one question. It will now be necessary to complete that process for all the questions. The plan is to be break up into groups of three or so to handle one question each.
- (d) **SR 179 Weed Abatement Task Force** - Gail Shaw Simpson
(1) Task Force has met twice. Recommendations must comply with ADOT and USFS regulations. Grant opportunities are available for this kind of work. Gail indicated that there are two parts to this issue: the medians and the roadsides. With regard to the medians the options discussed were rock mulch with a dual weed barrier underneath (USFS prefers this) and stamped concrete (harder to pull weeds and requires more herbicide). With regard to the roadsides, discussion centered on abating the pathway and both roadsides which have been overtaken with weeds. There was also some discussion about a handicap access trail along the highway and there again is grant money available for this. Task Force members are Gail – Chair, Paul Gazda, Jim Gibson, Jan Biliam, Debbie Hahm, Joanne Johnson & Bill Kusner.

10. Other Reports (see reminder about display material under #9 above)

BPRCC seeks to have attendees at meetings of the following organizations. In the interest of shortening our meetings, these reports will be made on a rotating schedule of 2-3 per month:

- (a) **Forest Service Liaison(Sullivan)** – Paul reported that he had talked with Heather and there will be an upcoming meeting concerning future options for the Red Rock Pass Program.
- (b) **Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District (Graham)** – Tom reported that the new Special Districts Coordinator, Jesse Eller, had responded to his email and indicated there was nothing to report this month.
- (c) **Sedona Fire District (Chief Hazime)** – SFD Board Chair Dave Blauert distributed a RFP (attached hereto as Exhibit F) to conduct a performance, cost and management audit of SFD. This audit will be overseen by a newly appointed Audit Committee which is very qualified and has put in a substantial amount of time getting this project put together. Mr. Blauert praised Chief Hazime for the job he has done helping to cut costs at SFD in these tough economic times. SFD Board member Craig Dible indicated that all proposal packages must be submitted by 2/22/11 and the Audit Committee will make a recommendation to the SFD Board on 2/23/11 regarding a timeline for performance by the bidder selected within a week after that. This audit, which has never been done before by SFD, will be an essential tool for the upcoming budget process which is expected to be completed by June 1. Mr. Blauert reported that he thought the cost of this audit will be returned tenfold to the taxpayers.
- (d) **Sedona Village Business Association (Nelms)** – Kathy reported on the SVBA members meeting on 2/9/11 at Canyon Moon Theater. A good turnout heard County Recorder Ana Wayman-Trujillo and County Engineer Phil Bourdon make a PowerPoint presentation on redistricting that was similar to the presentation made today by Chip Davis and Julie Ayers. Very informative and there was active discussion on this topic. Kathy also reported that the SVBA will hold another Full Moon Walk in April.
- (e) **State Parks Liaison (Lisowski)** – Jan reported that the Benefactors of Red Rock State Park are delighted to work with the Council and determine how we can work together. Also Jan reported that there is an entrance to Red Rock State Park at the end of Verde Valley School Road. The Benefactors primary problem is money. They have raised almost enough money to operate this year. It takes about \$130,000 for the year and they are around \$10,000 short.
- (f) **Verde Valley Master Regional Trails Plan (Norton)** - Board of Supervisors has approved the Plan but the USFS has done nothing on this yet. All the surrounding municipalities have approved it and now the County Supervisors have approved. It will have no impact on us until the USFS takes action on the Plan.
- (g) **Verde Valley Regional Transportation (Gillam)** – John reported that this organization meets every other month. It is comprised of cities and towns in the area. John indicated a few items of interest: County will finish repaving of the Cornville Road; the passing lane coming out of Camp Verde on I-17 is still on hold; and Cottonwood seems to have a bunch of money for roads & streets.
- (h) **Village Library Center (Fisher)** – Carolyn was please to report to the Council that the recently held book sale was the most successful ever and raised over \$3500.00 with still some money to come in from some more valuable books that were pulled from the sale to be sold online. She thanked all the volunteers and particularly the work of the SFD firefighters who are always willing to help with this “Great Community Event” as Carolyn described it on a beautiful Sedona weekend.

11. Old Business – None.

12. New Business

- (a) **Citizen Board for Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District** - Tom Graham reported on the meeting Mel Copen, Ruth Kane and he had with Chip Davis regarding this matter. At that meeting a draft of some legislation was reviewed and there was some general discussion occurred about how to get this done. Chip is in favor of this and certainly the community favors having more local control of this matter. Tom summarized the statutes applicable to this issue and described a memorandum that he wrote to all those who attended the meeting with Chip. There appears to be a way to get this done without additional legislation but the final word on that will be the County Attorney. Whether this can be done without additional legislation or can only be done with additional legislation, Chip has asked the Council to go on record on this issue.
A draft Resolution was projected onto the screen and was **Moved, Seconded & Carried to adopt the Resolution as follows:**

RESOLUTION

Requesting & Supporting Appointment of a Citizen Board

To Govern the Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District

WHEREAS, the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors (BOS) currently serves as the Board of Directors of the Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District, a County Improvement District formed pursuant to ARS Section 48-903 (RRREMD); and

WHEREAS, the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council (Council) wishes to express its desire and support for the BOS to appoint a citizen board for the RRREMD; and

WHEREAS, the BOS may have authority to take such action pursuant to ARS Sections 48-1081 to 48-1088 or the BOS may need additional legislation to authorize such action by the BOS;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Council hereby requests the establishment of a citizen board for the RRREMD, pledges its support for the appointment by the BOS of such a board to govern the RRREMD and agrees to assist with the accomplishment of these goals by whatever alternative referred to above is utilized.

13. Announcements

- (a) **Library Open House** – 2/15/11 from 4-6 PM.
- (b) **St Patrick's Day Parade** – 3/5/11. Celtic Harvest Festival will have a float in the parade.
- (c) **Dessert Competition at the Outlet Mall** – 2/13/11 from 2-4 PM.

14. Adjournment – MSC to adjourn at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas H. Graham, Secretary

EXHIBITS

- A – Roll Call
- B – Redistricting Task Force Meeting Summary
- C – Redistricting Survey
- D – Treasurer's Report
- E - Recreation Committee Report
- F – SFD Request for Proposal on Performance, Cost & Management Audit